trend during the last six months;

(b) if so, the extent of increase;

(c) the reasons for rise in imports; and

(d) the steps Government have taken/ propose to take to curb imporits

THE MINISTER OF COM (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEDEH, and (b) As per the provisIONAL CAP received from Directorate Genera. Commercial Intelligence & Statistucs (DGCI&S), the imports have registeicd growth of 10.06% in dollar terms and 27.75% in rupee terms during

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System

799. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether food processing units like meat and processed food and vegetable exporters are facing difficulty in implementing two of the seven principles of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up the matter under the W.T.O.'s Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Pact; and

(c) the other measures proposed to help Indian food processing units which are finding it difficult to implement the system?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The smaller units on their own, are finding it difficult to implement Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) System, especially in regard to the following principles:

i. Verification

ii. Documentation

(b) The issue has been taken up at the meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (the Committee responsible for formulating the Standard on HACCP) and it has been projected by the Indian delegation that a standard needs to be developed on "HACCP like systems in small businesses with reference to developing countries" which would contain basically all the principles of HACCP with modifications in respect of
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(c) Sonic of the meaxes proposed to help the Indin food procesing industry to way men Plesad Answere Critical Govrnment Policy (HECL) system are as under:-

1. Awareness and training programmes to assist the Indian industry in implementing the systems.
2. Group projects are being taken up for implementing HACCP in smaller units.
3. Modules on HACCP are being developed in different sectors which would assist the smaller manufacturers to use the as guidelines for implementing HACCP systems.
4. Export units are being assisted in building up their testing facilities. For this purpose, test modules containing the parameters required to be tested, methods of tests, equipment required and source of equipment are being developed.
5. Consultants within the country are also being given the training so that they can be utilised by the industry for implementing HACCP.

Default in Payment of Wages by T.T.C.I.

800. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been default in payment of wages over months in Tea Trading Corporation of India, Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a)